

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

No. CR 06-1263

LESLIE A. YOUNG
Petitioner

v.

STATE OF ARKANSAS
Respondent

Opinion Delivered January 17, 2008

PRO SE MOTION FOR COPY OF
DOCUMENT AT PUBLIC EXPENSE
[CIRCUIT COURT OF SHARP
COUNTY, CR 2006-6]

MOTION DENIED.

PER CURIAM

In 2006, petitioner Leslie A. Young was found guilty by a jury of capital murder, aggravated robbery, attempted arson and two counts of theft of property and sentenced to an aggregate term of life imprisonment. This court remanded the case to the trial court for a suppression hearing, *Young v. State*, ___ Ark. ___, ___ S.W.3d ___ (May 31, 2007), and the case is once again before this court on appeal.¹

Petitioner now seeks at public expense a photocopy of the judgment and commitment order contained in the record of the original direct appeal and provides an affidavit to verify indigency in support of her request for the copy at public expense. She gives no reason for the request and simply asserts that she is entitled to have the document provided to her without charge.

The motion is denied. The mere fact that petitioner is indigent does not entitle her to a copy of the judgment at public expense. *Washington v. State*, 270 Ark. 840, 606 S.W.2d 365 (1980) (per curiam). A petitioner is not entitled to photocopying at public expense unless he or she demonstrates

¹*Leslie A. Young v. State*, Arkansas Supreme Court Docket No. CR 07-1136.

some compelling need for specific documentary evidence to support an allegation contained in a petition for postconviction relief. *See Austin v. State*, 287 Ark. 256, 697 S.W.2d 914 (1985) (per curiam). Petitioner makes no reference to a need for documentary evidence, and does not specify any postconviction relief available to her at this time.

When an appeal has been lodged in this court, the material pertaining to it remains permanently on file with the clerk. Unless it is being maintained under seal, persons may review the material in the clerk's office, and photocopy all or portions of it. An incarcerated person desiring a photocopy of material on file here may write this court, remit the photocopying fee and request that the copy be mailed to the prison. All persons, including prisoners, must bear the cost of photocopying. *Moore v. State*, 324 Ark. 453, 921 S.W.2d 606 (1996) (per curiam).

Motion denied.